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CURRENT COMMENT

By FREDERIC HEATH.

When the Titan of capitalism strikes the berg of Socialism another insinuable craft will hit the trail for Davy Jones' locker.

When is black white? When Roosevelt says it is. When is a thing wrong? When Roosevelt doesn't happen to need it in his business.

The new social conscience that the rise of Socialism is developing in the people will have more and more to say to capitalism as the years go on.

Mayor Seidel of Milwaukee had a meeting in St. Louis. He is telling the story of Milwaukee at first hand, and is in great demand all over the country.

The city of Zurich, Switzerland, has just been half captured by the Social-Democrats—that is they have now two out of the four seats in the cantonal legislature.

The American Protective Tariff League is devoted to the protection of American labor—and industries. It says so itself. If it didn't have labor's interests most at heart it wouldn't mention labor first, would it? Eh?

If there had been no discovery of wireless telegraphy, there would have been a complete loss of life on the Titanic. Marconi, who is said to be an unbeliever, certainly has strengthened Providence and its mercies. Science, dispised for ages, seems to be a pretty good thing, after all.

Low politicians are genuinely worried over the spread of Socialism. In the recent municipal elections there was even a fear that the city of Burlington would go red, and the sighs of relief that went up when it was found that this had not really happened could be heard above the most robust prairie zephyr.

A fake story about an alleged Socialist on a Milwaukee street car getting a pummeling for saying he was glad the Titanic drowned a lot of millionaires, is going the rounds of the pluto press. It first appeared in a Milwaukee paper noted for the unreliability of its news and its subserviency to the crooks of capitalist politics.

Massachusetts is persecuting men who do innocent labor on Sunday. A man in Dorchester was fined for digging in his garden, another for beating a piece of carpet, and another for burning up some rubbish in his yard. It is noticeable that any work that capitalism has to do on Sunday is not molested by the Blue Law zealots. Let the wage slave drudge!

Dr. Clarence S. Loxley says that when reading was first taught to women in America it was opposed on the ground that she would forge her father's or husband's name should she learn to read and write. Geography met with like opposition on the ground of its tendency to make her dissatisfied with home and desirous to travel, while the records of history show that the first public examination of women in geometry, in 1829, raised a cry of disapproval over the whole country.

Quita e' questa is the first issue of the Los Angeles Evening Municipal News, the municipal daily which has been started in the southwestern city and which is in charge of a city municipal newspaper bureau. It is the same size as an ordinary city daily, contains impartial municipal news, runs large business advertisements, and gives a column on one page to each political party to present its ideas. It intends to print want advertisements free. It is issued weekly at one cent a copy and 52 cents a year, by mail. The experiment is interesting.

The United States is called a Christian nation. We have prayer to open our houses of law-making, chaplains in the army, and our coppers bear the words, "In God we trust." Yet the Men and Religion Forward Movement had gathered statistics and made a statistical map of the country, and it shows that the non-churchers are 60 per cent of the population. The rather curious thing about all this is that it is in spite of the present kind of immigration, which comes mostly from Roman Catholic countries. Is capitalism the foe of religion? They don't tell us that in campaign time!

A San Francisco paper that professes to be Socialist has a call on its first page to the unemployed to tramp to San Diego, where there is a free speech fight on. "Go to San Diego. Demand your rights of free speech. Be Men!" These I suppose are called tactics. There may just be a possible difference of opinion as to whether they are noble or ignoble tactics, however. The call does not state whether they are to throw emery dust into the machinery of the factories, put explosive chemicals into the boilers, or sneak castor oil into the bread troughs.

The liberty and civilization of the present are nothing else than the fragments of rights which the scaffold and stake have wrung from the strong hands of the usurpers.—Wendell Phillips.

Herald Peace Edition
May 18

May 18 is International Peace Day. The International Socialist movement is the most powerful and potent peace force in the world today. It has actually prevented wars on several occasions during the past ten years. War will cease when the workers of one nation no longer consent to be led forth by the master class to shoot the workers of other nations with whom they have no quarrel.

The issue of the Social-Democratic Herald of May 18 will deal especially with the peace and anti-war movement so rapidly growing in all countries where the Socialist propaganda is being carried on externally.

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of the bakeries, but perhaps all that is implied.

The king can do no wrong. Whatever he does he is protected. Royalty is sure of this and all its sins are fixed up to look right in the eyes of the dupes, the people. A recent Prince of Wales of England, through his scandalous habits brought his wife a loathsome disease. It affected her walk. Then what happened, do you suppose? Why, the women of society began to imitate her gait and all "ladies" who had to be up with the times were walking about with the "princess limp," as it was called. Thus it goes, the powerful, whether royalty or plutocracy, are free to do as they please and to be protected. The immorality of some of our "leading Americans" are such that if they were common folks, or had no more protection than common folks, they would most of them be doing time in penitentiaries today.

It is rather a remarkable situation this thing of the studied attacks upon us by certain representatives of the Roman Catholic church. It is remarkable because of the immense patience shown by the Socialists in the face of some very abominable things that are said of us. We can afford to be patient. We cannot be permanently injured by falsehoods, and more and more the baseness of this sort of attack and calumny opens the eyes of members of the church to the righteousness of our cause and makes them our friends and co-workers. We can well afford to have a hundred little Goldsteins and the like telling falsehoods about us and misrepresenting us, for in the end we will triumph, end things are coming our way quick enough to be safe. We can afford to smile at error and to look with pity on the misrepresentatives of the Carpenter

No News for the Plain People, Says Capitalist Mayor



The new "non-partisan" mayor of Milwaukee has served notice on The Milwaukee Leader, the Socialist daily that now leads them all in number of readers, that it can get no city news from his department.

THE SOCIAL EVIL AN ECONOMIC PRODUCT--By Victor L. Berger

"CERTAIN Social Evils in Relation to Public Health and Morals" were discussed in the Sunset Club of Milwaukee.

It is characteristic that of the six speakers of the evening only one dared mention the word "prostitution."

Said Dr. F. Rogers:

Three great perils threaten the health of modern society. The alcoholic peril, the tuberculosis peril and the social peril.

This foul ulcer has lodged and vegetated in the vitals of society, infecting rich and poor, innocent and guilty alike, wrecking families, converting strong men into weaklings, dragging blooming womanhood down to hopeless invalidism, killing our unborn children, condemning thousands at birth to go through life sightless. And yet when a proposal is made to recognize its existence and devise ways and means of treating it, society shudders, closes its eyes and hides its head like the ostrich, calls it unspeakable and so hugs the venomous serpent closer to its bosom.

And the doctor suggested "that every private school, primary school, high school, college and seminary should provide courses in the hygiene and pathology of sex."

The above was the only suggestion of the evening deserving any serious consideration—but it will not cure the evil.

There can be no question that syphilis, next to tuberculosis, is the worst enemy of the human race. And gonorrhea is almost as bad. From 60 to 70 per cent of all cases of blindness of children are ascribed to that dread malady, which is very seldom cured; 75 per cent of all men in Chicago and New York are said to be affected.

I will not go into details—that would be beyond the scope of a newspaper article, although I agree with the speakers that the fullest publicity is imperative.

And what is the cause of it all?

Prostitution.

There are no trustworthy statistics on this vital question in American cities—there is too much hypocrisy. But Paris has about 100,000 prostitutes, London has the same number, and there is no reason to believe that New York is any better in proportion to its size.

Prostitution is as old as matrimony.

Originally it had the form of religious prostitution—in honor of the goddess of love or matrimony. Thus women prostituted themselves in the temples of Babylon (for Mylitta), in Phenicia (for Astarte), in Egypt (for Isis), in Greece (for Aphrodite), in Rome (for Venus, later on also for Bacchus), etc. And the priests took the money.

Christianity abolished these forms, but the seducing of girls and women and the commerce in vice took its place. Syphilis, which was absolutely unknown to the old Germanic tribes when they were heathens, came to them with Christianity and civilization. By the way, this is also the manner in which all the wild tribes—Indians, Negroes, or South Islanders—got it in later centuries. They received it when they got the whisky from the traders and the Bible from the missionaries. Civilization for them usually means syphilization.

And I will say that the doctors are pretty well at sea, when it comes to the treatment of this question. The above mentioned opinion was about the best.

Another "doctor" proposed sexual abstinence as a

remedy, and branded as a "heresy"—and a heretic is evidently the worst being he knows of—the idea that "sexual continence" is not compatible with the best of health.

In the first place only one institution has ever tried this—namely, the Roman Catholic Church, for its clergy. It has ignominiously failed. Prostitution was never so universal as during the period when the church ruled supreme—according to Catholic authors. It was nowhere so much a state institution as in Rome and Avignon, where the popes resided. Nor was there ever such an aggregation of prostitutes seen in the world as during the church councils of Trent and Constance—and that in spite of all the efforts of the church to keep its members moral.

And that is natural enough. Naturam expellas furca, tamen usque recurret—even if you knock nature with a club, it will always come back—and the strongest impulse of every organism (be it plant or animal) is to reproduce its kind.

And as far as human beings are concerned—Love is the sum and solution of all desires in man—that in which they converge, for which they all exist.

The other desires, the self-preservation desires—hunger, thirst, the desire for power—are strong indeed, but when they are satisfied, they all empty themselves in this one. Love is a flame which uses all the rest as its fuel.

This natural law cannot be suppressed by any artificial law—statute or ecclesiastic.

The trouble is only, when man cannot get the real article, he will accept a poisonous substitute.

And what is prostitution? Before all things, it is also a remnant of the days gone by when men used to buy their wives. Prostitution is very much the same thing today. Men buy their wives—some buy them for life, some buy them for a shorter time.

The man who sells himself for life to a rich woman, or the woman who gives herself for life to a rich man, without love, is also a prostitute.

The difference between the prostitute of the street and the woman marrying for life without love is simply a difference of degree, not of kind.

And now to come to the bottom of the subject. Today the mainspring of prostitution is poverty.

Very few daughters of rich men are to be found in the houses of prostitution. There are probably as many pathological cases—nymphomaniacs and ethical defectives—among rich women as among the poor, possibly more.

But the rich find other ways of satisfying their propensities.

An investigation in 1888 in Massachusetts of 3,866 prostitutes found 1,236 poor girls with no previous occupation, 1,155 were formerly servant girls, 505 were formerly dressmakers and seamstresses, 292 came from factories, 126 from stores, 52 from the stage.

Let us take the case of the average hired girl or factory girl, long, tedious hours and lack of refining pleasures. She naturally longs for something better. Besides, she is miserably underpaid. Is it a wonder that she often falls a prey to the first man who will take advantage of her?

After she has once made a misstep, she rarely regains

of Nazareth who spit their impotent venom at us. But meantime many good people are misled, you say. Even so, all the more sure will be their attitude when they finally do learn the truth.

The latest attack on capitalism comes from Dr. Max Schlappi of Cornell university, who says that the tension of modern life, industrial and social, is wrecking the race and producing a growing number of defective children, criminals, imbeciles, etc. He says we are going the way of the Greeks and Romans, but that the cause in our case is "the strain of modern industrial life," which produces its effects on the high and the low alike. The frenzied pace of modern life may easily be believed to portend disaster, yet it is a cardinal rule of capitalism that leisure is a crime and a reproach and that not only must the factory drudge be "speeded up" to the point next to exhaustion but that the masters in the game, the capitalists must themselves be insatiable and also get in the quickstep of modern life. All this is not natural. Human nature was never built for it. Nature never intended it as a crime that people should live while existing. All the vast inventors to lighten human labor are of no avail to the people while we live under the capitalist system. Yet there is no sense in it all. If society were properly ordered all could live in comfort, production could be just as abundant and even more so, and people could become normal again. This will only be possible when the people get the upper hand of the capitalist minority and put society's house in order. Some years ago this looked like a dream. But today all the signs assure us that it is inevitable, unless society goes to smash.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Government ownership of wireless telegraphy is provided in a bill introduced in the house today by Representative Berger, Socialist, of Wisconsin. The creation of a federal wireless bureau under the department of commerce and labor, is the plan Berger advocates. It would have the government acquire ownership of the wireless companies through condemnation proceedings. He argues that the confusion attending the sending of wireless telegrams when the Titanic was sinking is ample proof of the need of such legislation.

To prove that his proposal is not purely a Socialist measure, he quotes Commissioner Chamberlain of the Bureau of Navigation and Lieutenant Commander Todd, of the navy coast signal service as being in favor of a government monopoly of wireless.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The women of Alaska are to be given equal suffrage under the Alaskan government bill passed by the house late this afternoon. The bill grants territorial home rule to the territory through its legislature.

By a vote of 81 to 35 an amendment was adopted assuring to the Alaskan legislature the right "to modify the qualifications of electors by extending the elective franchise to women."

Twice the house had defeated the proposal by the vote when offered by Representative Mann, the Republican leader, but an amendment was finally adopted.

Representative Taylor of Colorado, declared that in less than 10 years the entire country would recognize the right of women to vote.

"The safe-keeping of the race is left to the women," declared Representative Berger, Socialist Congressman from Wisconsin, in a speech urging the house to give the Alaska legislature authority to grant to women the right to vote.

"Woman is of more importance to the race than is the man, and every real man realizes that by instinct," said Berger in reply to a remark made by Representative Ferris of Oklahoma, that equal suffrage would not have given the women aboard the Titanic the privileges they enjoyed. "I for one, and I believe every member of the house," continued Berger, "would stay back at any time and give way to the women and children whether women enjoyed suffrage or not."

Berger declared that women were entitled to the franchise as a matter of justice, not because they would vote.

"They have not elevated politics in Colorado," he said. "They have not done so in Wyoming. They are the matinée of mormicism in Utah and in Idaho."

"But I favor the amendment as a matter of justice. Women are not making any worse job of it where they have a vote than the men do where men alone vote. (Applause.) I favor woman suffrage as a matter of democracy. Women form a part of our population—fully one half of the adult population. They are folk like men. They ought to have the same rights and the same privileges a man."

All just government is founded on the consent of the governed.

"We can not have a free country, we cannot claim to be real democracy as long as fully one half of the citizens of the country are disfranchised."

Berger concluded: "To paraphrase a sentence of Abraham Lincoln: 'A country cannot endure that is half free and half not free.'

"But there is also one more reason and that is an economic reason. In former days, especially among Germans the good hausfrau—the housewife was the ideal woman.

In the days of our fathers and grandfathers the woman, the housewife had nothing else to do—could do nothing else—than to take care of the family, the kitchen, the wash household. That time is passed, especially in large cities women now must go out into the world and work. They have to support themselves and very often they also must help to support their family. Women work in stores, offices, school rooms and millions of them go into factories. The number of women at work in 1900 was 5,319,397. I do not have the figures for 1910 at hand. Working like men, they ought to have the same economic and political rights as a man. That is all there is to it. Not because women are better—although I believe they are better—and they are better looking, of course (Laughter and applause), as a matter of justice democracy and economic fairness women citizens should have the same political and economic rights as men citizens."

One other point I want to bring out. Under our present society we permit everybody to marry without any regard for his moral or physical make-up. Wealth is the only consideration. We are more careful how we mate our horses, and dogs, and cattle, and even our swine, than we are in the mating of our boys and girls.

We shall have to make the dissolution of marriages much easier, than it is today. There is a great outcry in press and pulpit against the divorce courts—yet the divorce court is one of the greatest agencies that we have against prostitution.

In short, if we want a different world we must emancipate men and women economically, politically and socially. We must break with many prejudices if we want to look this grave question square in the face. We must cease to regard superstitions as holy because they are old.

Courses in hygiene and pathology of sex are very laudable—but this remedy is very much like Mrs. Partington trying to sweep the ocean back with a broom.

But what is the use of going into this matter any further? I have said enough to prove that it is impossible to cope with this subject under the present capitalist system.

That is one thing we must consider and another thing that I thoroughly believe in is the eight-hour workday. I have been advocating that to the patternmakers of this country a long time.

We are now confronted with what is known as the army of the unemployed—those who are working long hours while another man is tramping the streets unable to secure employment. I contend that the principle of the eight-hour workday is

White Slavery, the Blackest Stain on Our Present Civilization

Jane Addams, in McClure's

In every large city throughout the world, thousands of women are so set aside as outcasts from decent society that it is considered an impropriety to speak the very word that designates them. Luckey calls this type of woman "the most mournful and the most awful figure in history"; he says that she remains, while creeds and civilizations rise and fall, the eternal sacrifice of humanity, blasted for the sins of the people." But evils so old that they are imbedded in man's earliest history have been known to sway before an enlightened public opinion, and in the end to give way to a growing conscience, which regards them first as a moral affront and at length as an utter impossibility. Thus the generation just before us, our own fathers, uprooted the enormous upas of slavery, "the tree that was literally as old as the race of man," although slavery doubtless had its beginnings in the captives of man's earliest warfare, even as this existing evil thus originated.

White Slavery as an Organized Traffic.

Throughout this article, the phrase "social evil" is used to designate the sexual commerce permitted to exist in every large city, usually in segregated districts, wherein the chastity of women is bought and sold.

The Case of the Girl Imported from Abroad.

First in value in the white slave commerce is the girl imported from abroad, who, from the nature of the case, is most completely in the power of the trader. She is literally friendless and unable to speak the language, and, at last discouraged, she makes no effort to escape.

The Position of the Friendless Immigrant Girl.

Throughout the congressional discussions of the white slave traffic, beginning with the Howell-Bennett act in 1907, it was evident that the subject was closely allied to immigration; and when the immigration commissioners made a partial report to congress in December, 1909, upon "the importation and harboring of women for immoral purposes," their finding only emphasized the report of the commissioner-general of immigration made earlier in the year.

The situation is enormously complicated by the pharisaic attitude of the public, which wishes to have the comfort of declaring the social evil to be illegal, while at the same time it expects the police department to regulate it and to make it as little obvious as possible. In reality, the police, as they themselves well know, are not expected to serve the public in this matter, but to consult the desires of the politicians; for, next to the fast-and-loose police control of gambling, nothing affords better political material than the regulation of commercialized vice.

The fortunes of the police are so tied up to those who profit by this trade, and to their friends the politicians, that the most well-meaning man upon the force is constantly handicapped.

It is clear that the bulk of the entire traffic is conducted with the youth of the community, and that the social evil, ancient though it may be, must be renewed in our generation through its younger members. The fact that recent investigation of the white slave traffic has emphasized the youth of its victims doubtless in a measure accounts for the new sense of compunction which fills the community. It is safe to predict that in time the lives and temptations of these boyish victims, as well as those of the girls, will be placed before the public by that group of vigorous writers who have begun to investigate the white slave traffic. They are fearlessly following the cues they find, even when they lead to men of high finance and to those of impeccable social standing, quite as another set of magazine writers are investigating commercial corruption, following its ramifications wherever they may lead, into political, social, or religious life. These writers have shown that the profits of the landlord are no small part of the vested interests involved, for it is apparently difficult to resist the high rents which houses in the segregated districts can command if rented for purposes of vice.

The Promiscuous Households of the Poor and Their Influence on Young Children.

The little girls brought into the juvenile court are usually daughters of those poorest immigrant families, living in the worst type of city tenement, who are frequently forced to take boarders in order to pay the rent. A surprising number of little girls have first become involved in wrongdoing through the men of their own households.

The Case of the Night Messenger Boy.

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Would Commercialized Vice Disappear Under Socialism?

In addition to the large social movements for the betterment of public health, for the establishment of temperance, for the promotion of equal suffrage, and for the hastening of peace arbitration, is the world-wide organization and active propaganda of international Socialism. It has always included the abolition of this ancient evil in its program of social reconstruction, and since the publication of Bebel's great book, nearly 30 years ago, the leaders of the Socialist party have never ceased to discuss the economics of prostitution with its psychological and moral resultant. The Socialists contend that commercialized vice is fundamentally a question of poverty, a by-product of despair, which will disappear only with the abolition of poverty itself; that it persists not primarily from inherent weakness in human nature, but is a vice arising from a defective organization of social life; that, with a reorganization of society, at least all of prostitution which is founded upon the hunger of the victims and upon the profits of the traffickers, will disappear.

Whether we are Socialists or not, we will all admit that every level of culture breeds its own particular brand of vice and uncovers new human weakness as well as new nobilities in human nature; that a given social development—such as instance, as the conditions of life

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Pres. Wilson's Address

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see a man laid off from work when there is any depression in business. My contention is this, that the man on the street is a detriment to the conditions of employment of the man in the shop, and where there is a reduction in the volume of business, say 10 or 15 or 20 per cent, or rather reduction of the number of men employed in the industries, there should be a corresponding reduction in the hours of labor, in order that every man might have an opportunity to work.

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"And so with we of the labor movement, as we endeavor to get nearer to that goal that we hope to reach, that we hope to accomplish, we must come nearer together. Let us not be retarded by internal strife and dissension. Let every one work harmoniously, always remembering that we have a right to criticize, but don't knock—boost, remembering that when we are fighting and quarreling among ourselves that means that capital has us divided. It means that we are so much farther away from half a dollar a day more probably in our wages; it means so much in the feeding of the kids at home; it means that we are so much farther away from improved conditions. Yes, I believe that we are only retarding our own advancement by these internal and external dissensions."

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(e) By uniting the workers of the nation and their allies and propagandists to the cause of the Socialist movement.

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11.—The abolition of the power usurped by the supreme court of the United States to decide upon the constitutionality of legislation by Congress. National laws to be repealed or abrogated only by act of Congress or by a referendum of the whole people.

12.—The abolition of the power of the president to make treaties without the consent of the Senate.

13.—The enactment of further measures for general education and the creation of a department of public health. The creation of a department of labor from the department of commerce and labor, and the establishment of a department of public health.

14.—That all judges be elected by the people for short terms, and that the power to issue injunctions shall be curbed by immediate injunctions.

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Socialism Means Individuality

By LAWRENCE SMALL

If Socialism stands for one thing more than another it stands for INDIVIDUALITY. We ask no reduction to a uniform level of physical measurement, of height, chest capacity, or muscular vigor; we do not expect that all our intellectual powers shall be of the same order in kind or in degree; that our education shall be along the same lines; that our various opinions and beliefs must be forced into concurrence.

THAT is and has been the outcome of INDIVIDUALISM. To all appearance it has been the aim, as expressed by our codes of education for elementary schools, to instruct all pupils in exactly the same subjects and to the same extent; to drill them into one style of writing, of reading, and of doing a few sums, entirely irrespective of the aptitude of the individual children themselves. Instead of education we had instruction; training gave place to dogmatism.

Children under our individualistic system have been treated as if they had no individuality whatever. It was implied in our educational scheme that one child can do all children can do. The child-mind was regarded as a blank sheet of paper on which might be inscribed whatever one pleased.

Your individualistic state sets about declaring what all children should be, and sets about making them so—to its discomfiture.

Elementary education has been a failure until now, perhaps, when examination for grants have been abolished and freedom of choice in subject and method has been allowed to the teacher.

But even now, classes of pupils numbering 60 to 80 are taught in masses; a class of 50 is regarded as a small one.

What possible individuality can be encouraged and developed in any child by even the most capable and sympathetic teacher?

In our science and technical evening schools we have courses of instruction on the same lines. Ill prepared in the day schools, the pupils are unable to derive the full benefit of their opportunities. They have not learned to be students. Their day school teachers have supplied both mind and text-book, with the result that when a book of study is put into the hands of the average evening student he does not know how to use it.

IT HAPPENED IN MILWAUKEE

New Officials Incompetent

The office of the city controller is in such a tangle that it is negotiating with ex-Duane Liebscher to come back and show it where it is at, and to cover up its confusion as it spread broadcast in the "non-partisan" press of the city that the Socialist administration and the financial system which the Socialists installed era to blame for the condition.

It is reliably reported that the controller's office is trying to get Liebscher, who was fired by Controller Kotek, back into the harness in a job specially created for him. The position is nominally that of auditor, with inquisitorial powers over all other city departments, but in fact the purpose is to get someone in the office who knows something about city finance.

As Liebscher was let go, and Deputy Controller Puelich put in his shoes, it is necessary to create a special position to get him back. The salary offered Liebscher, it is said, is \$2,500 a year.

Realize Their Mistake.

The "non-partisans" realize now their mistake in letting go, the only two men left familiar with the work of the controller's office, Liebscher and ex-Chief Clerk Ramstad.

The men put into their places, while supposedly accountants, were not equal to handling up-to-date accounting, especially since they had had no previous experience in methods of conducting city financial business.

Show Cash Surplus.

The Socialist administration showed this year a cash surplus of \$13,000, and that in spite of the fact that we set aside out of the 1911 appropriations over \$500,000 for obligations incurred in 1911, which will come into a stage of actual audit in 1912, and in spite of the fact that we reduced by half the deficit of \$216,000 handed us by the Rose administration.

The accounts are not complicated considering the complexities of the city's business, but in operation are

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The building was erected by the political and industrial labor movement, that is, by the workers in those movements, by means of a realty company. Shares of stock were issued up to \$40,000, and these were so rapidly taken that today we can announce that almost the entire issue has been sold. When the company was incorporated the shares were issued at \$100 each. A share makes as fine and steady an investment as anyone could ask for. And there's

ONLY \$2,150 OF STOCK STILL TO BE HAD!

Brisbane Hall has proved a good investment from the day it was opened for tenants. Every available room is now occupied by first-class tenants.

Brisbane Hall is one of the finest buildings in Milwaukee, and every Socialist and union man and woman in Milwaukee is proud of it as the home of labor. It is centrally situated at the corner of Sixth and Chastain streets, a live business part of the city. Remember, \$37,850 of the stock is already disposed of.

It is a four-story and basement fireproof brick, cement and iron building. The foundation is built to support an eight-story building when the time comes that it will be needed. This building will be in good condition 50 years from now. Real estate in this part of the city is rapidly increasing in value, and from all appearances will continue to do so indefinitely.

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The present income from the rents assure good dividends on the investment. If you have a little money to invest, look into the desirability of this stock. Full information will be sent to anyone who will drop a card inquiring for it.

By investing in the People's Realty Company stock you accomplish two things: You make a good investment and at the same time use your money where it will be doing a splendid service for the cause of Socialism and the toilers. Do it NOW!

The evening pupils are handicapped, too, in coming to their study tired in mind and body after a full day's work.

These facts are slowly being recognized by educational authorities, and there are signs of improvement.

All this, however, is not the gravest thing that can be said about the matter. The painful fact is that the aim of education has been forgotten, and that the whole purpose of our schools appears to be the creation of more efficient tools for the workshop and the office. There is the hope in the student that his technical knowledge will be of advantage in competition for employment or for promotion, and that his wages will be greater.

The latter hope is certain to disappointment; and if it were realized might not be worth the strain—for under these conditions learning is a strain, it ceases to give pleasure, it is not self-development, but is instead a fevered striving for individual material benefit at the expense of individuality.

So in our workshops. How mechanical, monotonous and wearing the routine becomes when one has to attend to the same small duty throughout the whole working day! Unremitting attention to a machine—the real worker has reduced the mill hand to a mere adjunct of machinery. There can be no sort of prattle that for the masses of the people modern factory life, or clerical work, makes for a strengthening and development of individuality in the worker.

Dogmatism in religion and social custom also discourages individuality in thought and conduct. From our beliefs to our wearing apparel, we are slaves to rule.

Monotony, in education, in religion, in life, is the outcome of individualism, and will disappear only with the achievement of Socialism and the consequent development of individuality.

We require that every several man shall have what is now denied him—full and free development of the body and mind he is born with, shall be alert and active in both, stunted neither physically nor mentally. We aspire to no dead level, which, were it possible, would efface all picturesqueness from life. We ask equality of opportunity for all, because we want each and every man and woman to be in the true sense an INDIVIDUAL.

Moersch, Social-Democrat, cigar maker. Gakowski, Democrat, saloon-keeper. Buhne, Social-Democrat, molder. Bialy, Social-Democrat, saloon-keeper. Wosch, Democrat, saloon-keeper. Sheehan, Social-Democrat, cigar maker.

1912 Board of Supervisors.

Baden, Non-partisan, farmer. Czerniak, Non-partisan, undertaker. Davies, Non-partisan, former fire-fighter. Engel, Non-partisan, commission merchant. Fink, Non-partisan, editor. Hohman, Non-partisan, manager refrigerator factory. Kell, Non-partisan, cement contractor. Kiley, Non-partisan, circulation man on Evening Wisconsin. Lukaszewicz, Non-partisan, bakery. Mies, Non-partisan, attorney. McCarthy, Non-partisan, teaming contractor. Oleniczak, Non-partisan, saloon-keeper. Riesner, Non-partisan, real estate. Ulrik, Non-partisan, grocer. Wanta, Non-partisan, real estate. Wies, Non-partisan, carpenter contractor. Schwerner, Non-partisan, former Justice of the peace.

In the old Social-Democratic county board, four of the opposition were given important committee chairmanships, namely Rakowski, McCarthy, Bell and Jacobus.

In the present board, the Social-Democrats have been pinegoled, although both men are well qualified to serve. The only reason that Mensing is on the committee on laws, legislation and rules is that he is a lawyer.

White Slavery

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for thousands of young people in crowded city quarters—may produce such temptations and present such snare to virtue, that average human nature can not withstand them. The very fact that the existence of the social evil is semi-legal in large cities is an admission that our individual morality is so uncertain that it breaks down when social control is withdrawn and the opportunity for secrecy is offered. The situation indicates either that the best conscience of the community fails to translate itself into civic action or that our cities are too large to be civilized in a social sense. These difficulties have been enormous and augmented during the past century, so marked by the rapid growth of cities, because the great principle of liberty has not only been translated into the unloved doctrine of commercial competition, but also has fostered in many men the belief that personal development necessitates a rebellion against existing social law. To the opportunity for secrecy which the modern city offers, such men are able to add a high-sounding justification for their immorality. Fortunately however, for our moral progress, the specious and illegitimate theories of freedom are constantly challenged, and a new form of social control is slowly re-established on the principle, so widespread in contemporary government, that the state has a responsibility for conditions which determine the health and welfare of its own members; that in the interest of social progress even hard-won liberties must be restrained by the democtrable needs of society.

Wages and Cost of Living.—It took \$3,623 last year to pay for the necessities of living that could be bought for \$2,500 in 1897. Sixty-nine cents ten years ago had the buying power of the dollar of today. This is the graphic way in which Prof. Joseph French Johnson, of New York university, drives home the meaning of "increased cost of living." His two simple statements make it startlingly plain that there is a seamy side to modern American prosperity.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The Old Gens.—A bunch of labor skates were uncovered in Chicago last week by officers of the Chicago Federation of Labor. They had made the rounds of politicians and agreed to hand them endorsements for \$100 to

\$500. The Chicago Daily Socialist exposed their graft, after which business wasn't very good.—Ex.

Two Boards Compared

The personnel of the new county board offers some interesting comparisons with the old board. In the new body there are four contractors, two real estate men, two saloonkeepers, one of whom had his license revoked recently; a baker-proprietor, a grocer, an undertaker and a commission merchant, a circulation man on a toy paper, a farmer, a retired city fireman, manager of a fireman's pension, a former justice of the peace who started as constable, and the two Social-Democrats, who are respectively an editor and an attorney.

The editor is the only man who is a member of organized labor.

There were seven union men on the old board, all Social-Democrats.

Here is the complete list of both boards.

1912 Board of Supervisors.

Achabald, Republican, saloon-keeper. Bell, Republican, insurance agent. Bialy, Social-Democrat, brewery teamster. Gies, Social-Democrat, teamster. Harbicht, Social-Democrat, butcher. Hirsch, Social-Democrat, editor. Kell, Social-Democrat, contractor. McCarthy, Democrat, teaming contractor. Mensing, Social-Democrat, attorney. Mies, Social-Democrat, merchant tailor.

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Capitalist Greed vs. Human Life

WEALTH WITHOUT WORKING

The Titan's disaster has directed public attention to the fact that passenger steamers on the Great Lakes are inadequately equipped with life boats. On the large excursion steamers, which at times carry from 3,000 to 5,000 passengers, no pretense of safety is made.

It is quite possible that congress will take action, in the absence of adequate regulations by the proper executive department. Representatives from the states which have lake ports have indicated that they favor action by congress at the present session.

Representative Berger hit the nail on the head when he said:

It is our American way always to wait until something really fearful happens, and then amend the law. I think boats should be required to carry a larger number of lifeboats and rafts than required to accommodate the passengers and crew, to provide for the engulfing during launching of the boats and destruction through collision.

Mr. Berger might have stated that even a shocking disaster is not always sufficient to lead to the adoption of the safety regulations needed. After the Slocum disaster, in which over 1,000 passengers lost their lives on a burning excursion steamer at the entrance to New York harbor because there were not even provided life preservers that would float, the fact that the same conditions existed on the Great Lakes was made public. There was promise that the government would compel the ship owners to provide ample boats, with trained crews to man them, and the public was lulled into a sense of false security.

When the adoption of safety appliances interferes with profits, it needs a great many disasters to awaken the public to its insecurity. In the United States there is hardly a day passes without its grade crossing accidents. Yet, no move has been made, outside of the large cities, to abolish them. Mine accidents are frequent. Hundreds of miners are killed every year in accidents which could be prevented. In our industries, the toll of death is startling. Human life is cheap.

Our civilization is based on the production of wealth for private profit. Whatever interferes with the production of profits interferes with the chief end of man's endeavors. When the idea shall take possession of men's minds that wealth should be produced for use rather than profit, then it will not need disaster piled upon catastrophe to impress them with the folly and the wickedness of permitting human life to be sacrificed to human greed.—Milwaukee Leader.

The National Convention

By J. L. ENGDAL

(Special Correspondence.)

CHICAGO, Ill., April 22.—The 1912 presidential convention of the Socialist party to be held at Indianapolis, Ind., opening May 12, will last from ten days to two weeks.

That is the indication at the present time with the odds more in favor of the two weeks than the ten days. Preparations have been made by the national office of the Socialist party so that Tomlinson hall, where the convention is to be held, can be secured for the longer period, if necessary.

Some reports have it that special excursions are being planned from Columbus, O., and other cities where the Socialists are making history. It is probable that Milwaukee and Wisconsin Socialists will join a large number of Chicago "Reds" in the trip to Indianapolis.

Indianapolis Socialists are doing everything possible to make the convention a big success so far as it is possible for them to do so. A local committee consisting of Carl Ott, George J. Lehner and Frank McGee have been selected to shoulder the burdens of the convention preparations and will do their utmost to see that everyone is made comfortable. Lehner will reply to all communications regarding hotel accommodations and can be reached at 611 Law building, Indianapolis.

It is understood that most of the delegates will be quartered at the New Denison and the English hotels. A rate has been secured of \$1 on the European plan and \$2.50 on the American plan at the former, and \$1 and up on the European plan at the latter.

The English hotel has become famous as the headquarters of the Socialists contingent in the convention of the United Mine Workers of America. It has been the headquarters of the Illinois miners as well as the coal miners coming from the Pittsburgh district and the southern states.

LABOR

PIITTSBURGH, Pa., April 29.—What is considered about the most scorching roast ever administered to the strikebreakers appears in the current Iron City Trade Journal. It says:

"After God had finished the rattlesnake, the toad and the vampire He had some awful 'substance' left with which he made a seahorse. A seahorse is a two-legged animal with a cork-screw soul, a water-soaked brain and a combination backbone made of jelly and glue. Whee other people have their heads, he carries a tumor of rotten principles. When the seahorse comes down the street honest men turn their backs, the angels weep tears in Heaven and the devils shut the gates of hell to keep him out. No man has a right to seah as long as there is a pool of water deep enough to drown his body in, or a rope long enough to hang his carcass with."

Judas Iscariot was a gentleman compared to a seahorse, for, after betraying his Master, he had enough character to hang himself and a seahorse has not.

WISCONSIN

OSHKOSH, Wis., April 24.—The German branch, Social-Democratic party, held a social meeting yesterday, which proved to be very interesting to every one present.

The next meeting will be held Sunday, May 19, at 3 p. m., at Nigl's hall.

Comrade Schutler will speak in German, after which an open discussion will be held.

Everybody welcome, bring your wife to the next meeting, in doing that we will be successful.

A May day festival will be held by the party members of local Oshkosh, German branch No. 1, and the Arbeiter Kranken und Sterbekasse, Sunday, May 5, at Bork's park. Concert and speaking in the afternoon, dancing in the evening.

Comrade Bartel, editor of the Vorwärts, will speak in German.

Let all union labor and sympathizers turn out in a body and make this a howling success.

Party members are requested to meet at Bork's park next Sunday morning to clean up and have everything in apple pie order.

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Week after next, May 18, The Herald will print a Peace Day special issue. See notice elsewhere.

Next week The Herald will pay special attention to little Davy Goldstein and other crafty critics of Socialism.

Workfights are warned to stay away from the Pacific coast.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Frank J. Hayes, vice president of the United Mine Workers of America has been nominated as Socialist candidate for congressman from this congressional district, his selection being decided upon unanimously by the convention.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Forced to admit that the industrial problem, embracing the proprietor, the wage earner and the consumer, constitute one of the gravest public questions with which the government now has to deal, President Taft and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel today called together leading business men of the country for a "national commercial conference."

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 26.—Commissioner Weinstock, who has been here on an investigation of the free speech fight, has reported back to the governor that a state of anarchy has existed here, the officials being the lawbreakers. It is expected that the governor himself will arrive on Tuesday to make a personal investigation.

The last three days have been used in obtaining a jury for the trial of the men accused of destroying jail property, and although members of the vigilante are sitting on the jury, the court refuses to grant a change of venue.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 22.—The recall election inaugurated by the Socialists of Oakland is the biggest thing ever undertaken by the Socialists on the Pacific coast. It is the first time the Socialists anywhere in America have invoked the recall on capitalist class city officials. It is also the first time the recall has been used in any American city to recall a majority of the members of the city administration all at the same time.

The Socialists and trades unionists here are enthusiastic and working side by side in the campaign.

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of another.—Charles Dickens.

"My Big Brother Kin Lick Ye"

By A. M. SIMONS.

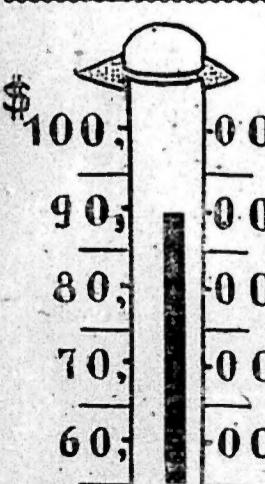
Many and loud are the boasts of the victory won by the "One Big Union" at Lawrence. Yet the fact is that the "One Big Union" would have been one big tragic joke had it not been for the financial aid, publicity, care for the children and especially the Congressional intervention obtained through the Socialist party.

The same is true of all the other victories of this one big union, including their free speech fights. Everywhere this terrible new revolutionary organization has played the part of the small boy that runs around spitting in people's faces and then yelling for his big brother to come and do the fighting.

Understand that I do not object to the "big brother" doing the fighting. That is what we are here for, and I hope I shall never be the last to respond whenever the I. W. W. or any other body of workers need help in a fight against capitalism. I am even of the opinion that the Socialist party might well make a little more definite declaration in favor of industrial unionism. I think the I. W. W. has learned that much, and what is of far greater importance the miners and other industrial and revolutionary organizations should be supported in their efforts.

It might be well to recognize the simple fact that the I. W. W. is much farther from being an industrial union than many others that might be mentioned. It has never succeeded in organizing any considerable portion of any industry. It has only established a few local bodies much like the "Federation" of the A. F. of L.

Furthermore, the international Socialist movement might well recognize now as later that the use of economic organizations for the accomplishment of social purposes will greatly increase as the social revolution, into which we are now entering, reaches a more accelerated speed. The use of the strike on a large scale, including the "general strike" in some form is coming and we would be foolish to reject any weapon in the desperate battle that is before us, unless that weapon can be shown to be worse than useless, which is not true of the strike.



How The Milwaukee Leader Bonds Are Going

This Week - - - \$89,100
Last Week - - - \$39,040
GAIN - - - \$ 60

Karl Legien Speaks on Floor of Congress!

(By National Socialist Press)

WASHINGTON, April 23.—After a mild objection on the part of Republican Leader Mann, the house unanimously agreed to take a recess for 15 minutes to hear and meet Karl Legien, the noted German Socialist and labor leader.

Mann declared that he would not object in this case but gave the house warning that he would do so hereafter. When Mann arose to make his remarks, Victor L. Berger, the Socialist representative from Wisconsin, called the attention of the Republican leaders that he (Berger) had withdrawn a similar objection in the case of a Bohemian count a few weeks ago with the understanding that a Socialist would also be permitted to address the house.

"Karl Legien is a Socialist—one of the 110 Socialists recently elected to the German Reichstag," said Berger. Berger's reference to Legien's party affiliation was no doubt a shock to the A. F. of L. leaders who were in the gallery. Representative Wilson, of Pennsylvania, representing President Gompers, made the motion to grant Legien the privilege of the floor, but carefully omitted to mention that Legien is a Socialist.

Legien's speech before the house was as follows:

"I want, first of all to thank you most heartily for the honor you have granted me, or rather to the organized workers of Germany and of the civilized world,

"Our labor movement has for years furnished legislation for the protection

may not be able to fool enough "new members" to accomplish their object.

The tricky character of this element is seen in the attempt to change the meaning of certain phrases the use of which carries some danger of loss of popularity since the McNamara episode. We are now told that sabotage and direct action does not mean personal violence. This is plain lying. It has been a regular reader of from three to five French syndicalist organs ever since that movement originated, and those words are used to describe exactly the sort of tactics that made "Skinny" Madden, Sam Parks and the McNamara brothers famous. "Sabotage" is derived from the word "sabot," meaning a wooden shoe, and a very good English equivalent for it would be "giving the hoots to 'em."

The syndicalists have swallowed the whole anarchist philosophy, bag and baggage, with some fancy additions of their own. This includes opposition to majority rule, the propaganda of the deed and groupswomanhood and control of industry. To all of this the levitical Socialist movement is irreversibly opposed. Most of these literary revolutionaries read French and know these statements are true. They also know that there would be small chance of capturing Socialist conventions and party machinery with the truth, so they carefully plane down these rough phrases to suit the people they expect to catch.

There is no room for this sort of stuff in the Socialist party and the coming national convention should see to it that without being stampeded into political compromise or closing our eyes to effective methods of organization, on the economic field, that a good stiff jolt is handed out to those who would make of the Socialist movement a gas engine without a fly-wheel, and then hitch it to their private schemes.

If every delegate would read the minutes of previous conventions and then investigate the history of those who have tried to capture these conventions with mouthfuls of revolutionary froth, there would be poor fishing with that kind of bait at Indianapolis this year.

by inviting me to address the popular branch of the congress of your great

"Unfortunately I am not in a position to speak to you on behalf of the entire German nation because of the strong differences existing between various political parties of our country. However, I can convey to you the greeting of the united labor movement of Germany, which represents more than 2,500,000 trade unionists and over 4,500,000 votes out of a total of 11,000,000. Also, I greet you in the name of the international labor secretary, which is composed of national unions of 20 countries with an aggregate membership of 10,000,000 wage earners, the American Federation of Labor included."

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of workers, education and the general uplift of humanity. We are full of hope when we note that the same efforts are being directed in every civilized land. Such legislation fosters good will and will make it possible for the human race to achieve the highest state of civilization."

Legien's anti-militarist utterances were liberally applauded when his secretary read them in English. Legien spoke in German. Following his short speech Legien held a reception in front of the speaker's rostrum and shook hands with nearly 200 congressmen. An interesting feature of the reception was the anxiety on the part of the pages to shake hands with the noted Socialist leader. The little boys stood in line until the congressmen were through and then they took their turn. Speaker Clark complimented Legien on his speech and wished him a safe journey.

The night before the appearance of Legien before the house the Washington Central Labor union held a meeting for Legien. The meeting was rather poorly attended. Representative Wilson in introducing Legien said that he was a member of the German Reichstag. "A Socialist member" cried many in the audience. Gompers and Wilson looked rather sheepish and then Wilson said slowly, "Yes, Mr. Legien is a Socialist member as has been intimated here." Following Legien Gompers spoke and tried to show that the A. F. of L. was not behind the international labor movement. It took him nearly an hour to explain this.

The Real Titanic Heroes

WASHINGTON, April 25.—

"The real heroes of the Titanic went down to death unsung and their bravery unheralded—and the millionaires are getting credit for such a large share of courage that nobody has been paying any attention to the 'poor devils' on the Leviathan," said Representative Victor L. Berger, the Wisconsin Socialist today.

"Every year we kill thousands simply in order to save money and pay dividends," Berger asserted. "The Titanic horror is only one instance. There are now plenty of hills pending in congress to safeguard ocean travel—just because the wealthy class was hurt. Until a crowd of millionaires are injured or affected, we will never get safety appliances on boats, in mines or on railroads.

"Greed and speed are the characteristics of the capitalistic system. They

caused the Titanic disaster and are causing disasters almost as appalling every day in the industrial world. But they are not millionaires that die—they are the poor, the workingmen—like the engineers, the firemen, the sailors on the Titanic.

"I don't want to belittle the heroism of the rich on board that ill-fated vessel. They were brave and their bravery should be applauded. But we do not want to lose sight of the fact that the real heroes were the working people—that that stuck to their posts of duty on the ship—the engineers for example."

"Fifty per cent of the first class passengers were saved, a smaller per cent of the second class and only 10 per cent of the steerage."

"In this country we learn only by experience of our own. Fifteen or sixteen hundred lives have to be lost before we realize that there are not a sufficient number of lifeboats on transatlantic vessels."

SEIDEL IN ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 23.—To a crowd that taxed the capacity of the New Club hall here, Emil Seidel, defeated Socialist mayor of Milwaukee, last night explained the result of the recent election in Milwaukee.

An admission of 25 cents was charged and Seidel smilingly paid to get in and make a speech. He also paid ten cents for having his top coat and hat checked while he was talking.

After telling of the reforms the Socialists had worked in Milwaukee in the two years they were in power, Emil Seidel said he regarded the defeat as a great victory considering the causes that had combined to bring it about. He referred to the fact that he had polled 3,000 more votes in his defeat than he had when elected.

Why They Fought.

"The first cause of our defeat," said Seidel, "was the combination of Republicans and Democrats because they

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methods. All the desirable institutions the world possesses today, are Socialistic. Socialism is constructive and makes for a high civilization. Individualism, capitalism—the competitive business system—is contention, strife, selfishness and destructive. No good government, no religion worthy of the name, can long endure under capitalism. Even monkeys can teach man some valuable lessons.

There is a danger to the Socialist movement in that industrialism has become a "blessed word" with which to rally half-hacked Socialists to the support of a clique of would-be officeholders. The newly made Socialist protests much of his revolutionism. He is easily caught with phrases, and it is in cunning appreciation of this fact that the chief organ of this phrase-mongering element in its latest issue makes its appeal to the new members. The less a person knows of Socialism, the more he is controlled by lingering elements of the middle-class catastrophic mind, the easier he is deceived by these empty words. The old Socialist, the real revolutionist, has seen generation after generation of these wordy terrors. He has seen them drift into capitalist political ranks whenever their interests so inclined.

A mathematician once made the statement that if a pebble were cast into mid-ocean every drop of water to the farthest shores would be moved. Professor Edgar L. Larkin, the eminent American astronomer, says that some suns known to us as stars are so far distant from us that it would require a million years for light to come from one of these suns to the earth traveling at the rate of 186,000 miles per second. No boy or girl, for whom I write this, can fully comprehend these statements; indeed no adult person can do it. My object in quoting the scientists is to illustrate a proposition as follows: Out every thought, word and act vibrates the spiritual or mental ether and maybe influences our lives and the lives of others to the farthest shores of the universe. Let us therefore think kindly thoughts, speak friendly words and do good acts. Let all my boy and girl readers work to bring Socialism because it is founded on justice and guarantees a square deal to everybody.

In the penitentiary of one of the western states are fifteen convicts who are college or university graduates. It has been said by those who know, that many of the unemployed men known as tramps are also graduates of colleges. That these educated men are in prison and on the road homeless and friendless, is not certain proofs that they are dishonest or lazy. It may be that they are "misfits" under this present system of industrialism, but that is not a serious fault, because the "fittest" citizen of a system of capitalism is the one who accumulates the largest amount of property through watered stocks, short weights and measures, by speculation and profits, by paying low wages to his employees and by exploitation, trickery and graft. After the co-operative commonwealth, or a Socialist system of industrialism, is established, there will be few criminals and no unemployed.

To the men and women who are fighting under the banner of the working-class, I will grant every measure of support in my power and ask few questions as to theories or methods. But for these "little brothers of the brave" who are so much in evidence where the spotlight glare falls brightest, and who are building up a machine within the Socialist party, I have supreme contempt, and only hope they

wanted the jobs. The second was the street railway company. We had compelled it to pay a license, clean its cars and had started to make it pay for the pavement between the tracks. It owned the electric light plant which supplies light to the city and we started to build one of our own. Why shouldn't it fight us at the election?

The third cause was the gas light company. We raised its assessment \$200,000 and began to fight for cheaper gas. Next came the telephone company. We consolidated the police and fire alarm systems and put in a baby system for municipal use.

Stronger Than Ever.

"The next cause was the railroads. We would have compelled them to eliminate the grade crossings. So they also joined the fight against us.

Then came the gamblers whom we

had been putting out of business.

After them were the contractors.

They used to be 60 cents graft for

every yard of pavement laid in Milwaukee but the Socialists started to do the work without the aid of contractors.

After these came the slum property owners. We had raised some of their insanitary buildings. Then came the manufacturers whom we had compelled to give sanitary work rooms to their employees.

We were not beaten in Milwaukee.

We are stronger there now than we ever were. This one defeat is only a part of our fight. You can't win a fight like we have on our hands in two years or four years or 10 years.

Seidel urged his auditors to start now and try to capture St. Louis at the elections next spring. He told them how the Socialists work in Milwaukee and urged them to follow the same methods of campaign here.

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The Builders' Column

By A. W. Mance

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THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN.

You realize the tremendous task we have ahead of us between now and the election next November. If the work is to be done effectively we cannot and must not wait for the hurrah days of the latter part of the campaign.